

A

Dialogue and complaint made vpon the siede of Oastend, made by the King of Spaine, the Archduke, the Infanta, the Pope, the Prince Morrice, and the eldest sonne of Sauoye,

Translated out of French.

Also a true discourse of that which is happened in the same towne of Oastend, from the fourth day of the moneth of February 1603.

With certaine newes written towards London, from Italy, Fraunce, Hungary, and other places,



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ed made by the King of Spain the which the
Infante the son, the Prince of Asturias
old Prince of Asturias

I was born on 17th March

Also in the district of which is a part
near the river of Oist from the town
of the month of February 1602.

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The Archduke.



O mightie God, what misfortune, & what
cruell mishap it is to see this small place
which hath stayed the valour of so many
good souldiours, and cause an armie to be
consumed before this petite place. Alas it
was well tolde me what discommoditie I
should indure before this citie: A citie I may
winne it, for Caesar before Munda: howbeit much good was
lost, yet not such store of people, as I have lost before this: for I
may with truth say, that I have within these foure moneths
lost five thousand men, or little lesse, and among them many va-
liant Collobels and Captaines, and yet I see not appareance to
get the same.

The Infanta.

My brother is strong enough to beare all, both men and money
required to this warre.

The King of Spaine.

Sister, whatsoeuer I could do for the preservation of this Fle-
mish countrie, I sweare I haue effected to my power.

The Archduke.

Sir, your maiestie hath sufficiently satisfied the promise of
the late Catholick king.

The king of Spayne.

To my Father I haue promised for ever to maintayne the
Apostolique siege, and that which he gaue to you.

The Archduke.

Sir your greatnesse is sufficiently knotone in persuing of
this with so great charges.

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The king of Spayne.
I must keepe this countrie in awe, least if by France came troubles, I might hereof possesse my selfe.

The Archduke.
That shall neuer be scene: No Frenchmen hath desire to see (as they haue scene) the Spaniards in their towne.

The king of Spayne.
Some foole will be found among so many vnfit, who for gould will aduance my power.

The Archduke.
The Frenchmen haue a king, who is not to be prouided, and I do more feare that they will enter in this countrie whilst I am busse here, and cause the countrie wholly to rebell.

The king of Spayne.
This king was at Calles, whereat I greatly meruaile: for I cannot conceiue what he had to doe there.

The Archduke.
He was at Calles not without hauing some apparres, but it hath troubled my braynes to thinke what it should be.

The king of Spayne.
Do you thinke that this king would haue falsified his oath, and he would endeavour to get his countrie by craft.

The Archduke.
The falsifying of his promise imported not so, he thereby may get good profit.

The King of Spaine.
There neuer was french king who would so wrong himselfe as to breake the promise of France.

The Archduke.
It hath little bene scene, that any heretofore such, haue such recompense as this king should haue by falsifying his oath.

The King of Spaine.
I do greatly wonder to what purpose the Duke of Biron went to England.

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The Archduke.

I durst say, that it is about war and nothing els that he made that voyage.

The King of Spaine.

And the Duke of Anguillon who came towarde you, of what did he speake to you of peace or of warre.

The Archduke.

He was sent to yeeld, such as he hath done by the great master of my horse.

The King of Spaine.

Then to this peace let vs not repose, but it is requisite that every one be ready to resist.

The Archduke.

It is well the right meane to prevent that no ill hap come to vs, but men cannot resist every where.

The King of Spaine.

What is then to be done: you must answer to this point: doe you hope that you to be master of this place?

The Archduke.

It doth consist in God to effect such wonder and not in any humane power.

The King of Spaine.

What doe you then hope: that in looking on the same it will through wearysomnesse it will yeeld it selfe.

The Archduke.

If it had not bene for your maistie, I durst not haue undertaken to come heere the same by halfe a leage.

The King of Spaine.

It hath bene Spingnola who caused me to be commanded quickly to take the same, to the end there to place gallies.

The Archduke.

Your maistie ought not to haue promised to take this place, or at the least not so soone.

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The King of Spaine.

We haue to much spoke thereof tell me I pray you some,
whether you meane to take it, or els to depart from thence.

The Archduke.

If it had not bene for shame, I would before this time haue
gone away from thence, for I through obstinacie haue wholly
ruined my campe.

The King of Spaine.

Seeing you cannot get it, leaue off your will which you haue so
bent against the same place.

The Archduke.

Flanders hath furnisht all which my army would haue,
therfore I cannot from hence depart without dishonour: but
they will be weary I knowe their humour. And then when
they would, they are at such great charges that they haue not
power to support the same. And though I should yet remayne
here some time longer, expecting good success, I neuer shall haue
hope to take the same. I do well thinke at the first what would
become hereof.

The King of Spaine.

Do you beleue that this Morrice would make peace if he
were thereto requested by some mighty prince.

The Archduke.

I haue heretofore promised him the prouince of Holland, so
he would yelde to be my subiect.

The King of Spaine.

Well seeing he had refused the same, what shall we then doe
to get him with vs.

The Archduke.

To pray the Pope to be a mediator therein, for per chance he
may perswade him thereto.

The King of Spaine.

That cannot be, for it is to thinke to frequent him by
reason of their beliefe.

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The Archduke.

This peace may be concluded like that of France for he doth only fight for liberty.

The King of Spaine to the Pope.

Holy father I am now come to your holines with prayers vnto you to take so much paines as to perswade (if it be in your power) the estates to yeelde themselves, and to promise vnto Morice and them that yeelding themselves to me, they shall be most happy for I will promise them liberty of their conscience.

The Pope to the King of Spaine.

My sonne you haue wronge for all my child doe I employ to draw those people from their erroneous way wherein they doe perish, and will you haue me suffer them to continue therein.

The King of Spaine.

Holy father pardon him who with griefe doe not knowe what to say, I speake it for a truth.

The Pope.

I would satisfie you if it did consist in my power and that I had authority over them but shee steme not of me.

The King of Spaine.

Holy father you haue the one halfe of the shame and I haue the other halfe, and all the damage.

The Pope.

Sonnie, it is very difficult to finde an end, I knowe that you haue receiued great losse and damage, and loste against these people many regiments of Spanish soldiers, and che many armies of other nations, but all those which there be doe haue full forgiveness of their sinnes, which cannot chafe but to be a great comfort to you.

The King of Spaine.

I doe feare that in time they will pricke mee to the heart.

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that they will make of all my Spaine a wilderness.

The Pope.
Your selfe must, for the preventing thereof goe in field, and as a Souldiour take a pike in your fist.

The king of Spaine.

I should do as much at hand as a host, for I do not know what it is to beare arms.

The Pope.
Where doe you read, that you must among souldiours alwayes be last, when you should waite.

The king of Spaine.

Holy Father you must, I sweare unto you, employ your battles and swordes to maintain my place, and not amide you.

The Pope.
What I cannot doe, I leave you should imitate the steps of your predecessour Kings.

The king of Spaine.
Never did King of Spaine cause the Pope to be ill heard withall, which if they would, they very well could have done.

The Archduke.

Tell me then, what did your Grandfather Charles, who caused Rome to be taken, and the Pope to be banished.

The king of Spaine.

The Pope favoured the Frenchmen, and desired to place them in Italie.

The Pope.

Yourselfe soft was, yet he ought not to dye the fouer aigne priest to such an execution.

The king of Spaine.
I beleeve, I do confesse and say the truth, that it grieved him very sore, soone as he knew it.

The Pope.

And why did it grieve him, was it not he himselfe who had commaunded it to the Duke of Burbon.

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The king of Spayne.

Holy Father it is true, I doe require pardon, and doe promise to be your true obedient sonne.

The Pope.

This peace can the king of France sooner make then I, in hauing some small conference with the states.

The King of Spaine.

Holy father, that king dooth onely seeke the ruige of my crowne, and the decay of my realme.

The Pope.

Then you must cause the eldest sonne of Sauoy to speake there of, for perchaunce he may perswade them thereunto.

The king of Spaine to the eldest sonne of Sauoy.

Deare Nephew you know what ill shall arise if I doe happen to lose that which I haue remayning in Flaunders, you are also intressed which may be a pretext to take the matter in hand and to beseech the people by ambassadours, and not by Agents, telling them that we haue fought too long, and desire a peace. and sweare thereby to satisfie both them and me with that which shall be said by common friends.

The sonne of Sauoy to the king of Spayne.

Sir, your Maiestie should haue remitted so great a charge to some other, but I will accomplish your command and do there in what I can.

The sonne of Sauoy to the prince Morrice.

I do know that men must repare to you to obtaine a peace of these Belgike people, you are their buckler, their summe, and their pike, and art their sator, which causeth them to aminate: there is none other into whom is to be siewed for a peace but to you, which will take away from our hearts all feare, it being made by you inuolable and holy: for you are the onely example of vertue.

The Prince Morrice.

Is it with commaund or feare of being beaten which causeth you to bitter such sayre speeches? What a great Orator is now placed

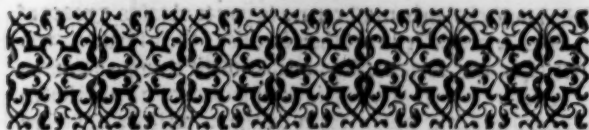
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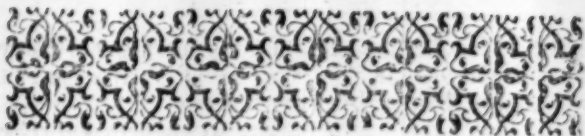
placed in Ambassage, tell me I pray you from whence come those words.

Truly from Madaill to wardes this trouble some repose, who seeing he can not get vs by the way of armes, doth go about to entice vs with his flattering charmes, but let him not trust to it, he shall effect nothing therein. Men shall sooner see the decease of vs all, then a Spaniard command in this countrie of Holland. Therefore trouble not your selfe any more about this peace, but rather pray to God for the decease of the king of Castile, that you may repaire thether and succede him, and of his crowne possesse your selfe. And touching the Archduke, feare not, for I do hope that he will not long liue, and then that it shall be my fortune to be married with your Aunte, so you may pray to God for her and mee together, and I hope wee shall well agree.

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A true





A true discourse of that which is

*happned in the Towne of Ostend since
the fourth of Februarie.*

1603.



Thence the generall assault done vppon Ostend last by the Archdukes forces, there hath not beene any great matter attempted, for in the Campe was some mutinie for paye, but with money and with severe punishment suppressed againe, and more forces were sent for some helpe of money, of five hundred thousand ducats out of Spaine, are awaying at Antwarpe, and they say, that there was hope of some millions should be destinated thetherward, for to furnish monethly two hundred and fifty thousand ducates, so that by the naturall obstinacie of the house Austria, the siege is resolved to continue, yet the Archduke is sayd to be subiect to the falling sicknesse, and that he hath fallen vpon his sword and somewhat hurt his left side.

The vnited prouinces are likewise resolved to defend the towne, and do send more men, and change the olde garison for new, and some two companies out of the towne had their mast shotten off, and so did die vpon the strand a ground, and taken, and are all carryed to Bridges, but it is thought they shall passe by rancome as they do accustome, they withyn haue made of late some notable sallies with great victorie, and disstroyed likewise some platfo:me a making without, by the which their

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intent is to batter the towne all into powder, and in this making they burne and make a smoke with hay, they within do not want artillerie to make a contrebattery.

Sir Francis Vere hath his choyce to come forth and refresh himselfe, we thinke Monſer Marquet the elder is there now as gouernour. And there was speech, if sir Francis would refresh himselfe that the Earle Ernestus of Nassou should go for him, a sūday last are thought some thirty companies are entred, departing from Zealand the night before with reasonable weather.

The parle of sir Francis Vere is by many not well digested, yet the well handling of it, and the good successe thereupon dooth qualifie much, and although the cause and the necessity of the Parle is much imputed to him.

The united prouinces haue christened the sonne of the Elector Palatin, there was sent by them the youngest borne Prince of Orenge, Hendricke Frederick for that effect, who hath there made some leaue of Souldiours, so that it seemeth that Prince Maurits will to field againe this spring. Herougiere gouernor of Breda is dead, and the Admirall Iulius of Nassow, that married my Lady Morgan is made gouernour there, and Monſer Haultain sūme to the gouernour of Zeland is appointed at the sight at Cowsteyn Dyke, which new admirall is at Sea, to provide Ostend fully for all necessities.

The Archbische hath solicited to haue agayne licenses open for to haue Fish, Butter, Cheese, and other necessities to come to and fro, and was perfectly graunted: but are stopped agayne, except the Archbische desire to molest the Fishermen at the Seas.

Out of Italy they doe write that Frederico Spinola being created Admirall of the Ocean Adrias, doeth make provision for seruants Gallies more, to bring in Flaunders this spring. Likewise is in Naples and Millain commanded great numbers of Souldiours for Flaunders, or some other attempt.

And out of France is written, the King of Spayne in person should come in Italy, and from thence in Flaunders, but not belenced

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declined.

It is sayd that he will resume in his hands againe the *Netherlandes*, and giue to his sister the kingdome of *Portugall*, keeping to himselfe the *Indies Ilandes*, and the appertinances: *Andrea Doria* is confirmed *Admirall*, and generall of the *Galies* againe: and likelyhode there is for to rigge a new Armado this Sommer. Notwithstanding, both the attempts of the king of *Spayne* hath sayled him of two kingdomes, the kingdome of *Argyle* and *Ireland*: the *Queene* of *Spayne* was sicke of the *Purples*.

Out of *France* is no newes, saving great occasions given to put or keepe the *Spaniards* in Jealousie of some warres meant towarde him, for sundry causes: as for some pretension of *Archois* not ended, and others beside *Nauarra* &c. *Biron* (since he was in *England*) he hath bene in *Germanie* and other places, and now is sayd to be in *Italy*.

The prince of *Ienneville*, brother to *Guise*, was in the *Archdukes Campe*, banished out of *France*, for having forged and counterfayted a letter of loue from *Madam Dentrages* now *Marquyse* of *Vernoul* the kings *Paramour*, to him *Ienneville*, for to shew to his mistresse *Madam de Villars*, for the better to obtayne her loue: the king is sayd to haue almost slaine his *Paramour* vpon the sight of the letter.

In *Hongarie* is litle stirring, saving the excursions of garrisons: the *Turke* fortifying *Canissa*, and the *Christians*, *Alba regalis* their conquests.

The *Transiluan Battonus* keepeth garrison yet in some towncs of his countrie, pretending to conquer it againe vpon the *Emperour* with the helpe of the *Turke* and *Polonians*: the *Turkish* rebell the *Scriuano* is vp in armes agaynst the *Turkes*.

In *Hongaria* is deade the prince of *Anhalte* lately made *Colonell* agaynst the *Turke*, he was at the battell of *Newpott* by prince *Maurice*, likewise is drowned the *Duke* of *Lunnenborgh* of a bridge miscaried by a wilde horse.

Out of the *Seas* here, there is no newes but of great losse of

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Shippes vpon the coast of Britayne, some seauen Spanissh ships
battelars which meant to go to Kenfall, and more other nations,
it is sayd some eight or nine hundred men to be drowned there
on shoare.

In In Scotland the Quene is deliuered of another forme.

In the united Netherlandes is made an association for to
trade in the East Indies, wherein be comprehended all the cit-
izens of Amsterdame for a halfe, they of Zealand for a quarter
part, they of Enckuyfen and they of Rotterdam for another
quarter part. In which company every man is admitted that
bringeth in his mony, so that the same trade wilbe of a great
consequence.

From Ostend.

Since the day aforesaid is reported that some 32. companies
are of late entred into the towne, also how that the Archduke is
gone to Brussell, being sickly, and how that the Infant his wife
should be minded to leaue the Netherlands, and become
Quene of Sicilly or Portugall.

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